

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School Conference Room. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star Ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public Schools and on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Work & Study Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the media and public, consistent with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Keisha Edwards
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:40 p.m.
Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach, arr. @ 7:20 p.m.
and left @ 10:00 p.m.
Dr. Susan Phifer
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Robert Pickett, Esq.
Mr. Charles Craig, Esq.
Ms. Lauren Craig, Esq.
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.
Ms. Adia Perry, Esq.

Mrs. Brenda Gilbert, excused

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Hernandez, and unanimously approved by the Board:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourned to closed session to discuss:

- personnel and legal

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board of Education adjourned into its executive session at 6:51 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Gary Bloom gave an overview of email in Plainfield going back to 1998. The District currently averages 10,000 emails per day.

Mrs. Logan-Leach thought that having both disaster recovery sites in schools should be looked at. Could a city site be utilized?

The Board indicated to the interim superintendent that they would like additional proposals for a district-wide email upgrade project. They would like to see a total of four (4) proposals. Mr. Edache also requested a report of their affirmative action reports.

The Board reviewed the C & I, Finance and Policy agendas.

Mrs. Hernandez also stressed that board members review Policy 4112 – Nepotism, as well as 9010 – Board Member Attendance.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles indicated that she will be sharing a draft “home schooled student athlete policy”.

Dr. Phifer moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to executive session at 10:10 p.m.

Mrs. Campbell moved, seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to the public session at 10:34 p.m.

Mrs. Edwards moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35.p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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